LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

In the run-up to Christmas with all the fun and festivities, do take some time to look around and enjoy the beautiful autumn foliage of rich reds and golds. Then get to work sweeping up all the falling leaves!

Autumn is a time for meetings. We had a Village Plans meeting on 4th October at the Baptist Church, hosted by Cllr Pamela Fleming, and a borough-wide local charities reception at York House hosted by Paul Martin, the new Chief Executive of LBRuT, on 10th October. On 3rd November the Baptist Church had a Heathrow expansion meeting hosted by our MP. Then there was the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) viewing at Elleray Hall on 9th November.

Officers and group members try to represent the Society at each event to gather information and put our point of view. If you have a particular interest why not approach the relevant group and offer your help? Fresh blood is always welcome. In fact we’re planning a membership drive with our friends at Lensbury with a talk by Ken Howe on 23rd February and your chance to ask about the history of our town. Details in the next issue of Tidings.

Geoff Howland will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Society at the War Memorial by Teddington Memorial Hospital on Remembrance Sunday 13th November.

Do come and see us at our stall in the Cedar Road Car Park on Lights Night, 24th November. All the shops will be open with special Christmas gift offers. We’ll be there from 4pm so you can still get along to the 8pm talk at the St. John Ambulance Hall hosted by Friends of Bushy and Home Park!

We hope to deliver Christmas food parcels via the Welfare Department at Teddington Hospital with funding from the Hampton Wick United Charity. This is our chance to brighten the lives of a few local residents who are housebound and alone at Christmas.

Your Committee are all volunteers and we watch every penny we spend, but it is costly to print Tidings and distribute it in addition to our normal running costs of stationery and postage, so your donations from time to time are very welcome. You might like to think about leaving a legacy to the Society to support our future work. More about this in a future issue.

For now, I and all our Officers wish you and yours a Happy, Healthy Holiday. Instead of the traditional holly and ivy we’ll give you a touch of spring to look forward to with the pots that Strawberry Hill House were able to buy with our Teddington In Flower donation.

See you next year.

SHEENA
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
Donald Bell

With Christmas just around the corner, let me wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

2016 seems to have been a year of controversies and in Tidings we have been trying to present you with the relevant facts without telling you how you should make up your mind.

We have definitely kept OFF the subjects of Brexit and the American elections! They are much too hot to handle here.

The proposal for a Hydro scheme at Teddington Lock seems to have gone away following various legal proceedings. And the subject of the ever-expanding Controlled Parking Zone has been laid to rest for the time being - until Richmond Council decides to have another go at us.

The latest controversial issues are the development of Udney Park Gardens, the Third Runway at Heathrow and the proposal for a cycling "Quietway" down the High Street. All of these are the subjects of articles in this edition of Tidings.

The Christmas Lights will be turning on soon, and don't forget to visit the shops in the High Street and elsewhere to look for those Christmas Doors.

And over Christmas, Strawberry Hill House is offering a Christmas package for local businesses which includes Prosecco on arrival, tour of the house and a three course meal in the Gallery.

As always, I am very grateful to all those who contribute material for inclusion here. If you have a desire to tell a story that you think will interest our readers, please get in touch.

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CYCLING BLUES

John has a very long journey to work. When the weather is cold and wet, it takes him an hour and twenty minutes to cycle there. But when it is hot and sunny, he can ride there in just 80 minutes.

Can you work out why?

Answers to all the puzzles in this edition of Tidings are on page 14.
CORPORATE MEMBERS

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Jenny Michell

We welcome new members and would be delighted if you pass your copy of Tidings to a friend or neighbour and invite them to join too! Or ask me for a spare copy and a membership application form.

Membership Renewals for 2017

Subscriptions will be due on January 1st 2017. Please note that to keep the subscription the same and save on postage costs we will not be sending membership cards to everyone.

If you already pay by standing order – thank you! Please check this is still set up correctly as in 2016 we had several people who thought they had paid by standing order but on checking had not! If you have given us an email address we hope to confirm receipt in January. If you do not have an email address we will send a membership card with the next Tidings.

You can renew your membership online at http://www.teddingtonsociety.org.uk and you will receive a confirmation email.

To renew by cheque - post to the Membership Secretary and send an SAE if you would like a membership card.

Please add £3.50 for postage if you live outside the TW11 area or if we need to post your newsletter (eg you live in a block of flats where our deliverers can not easily gain access).

You can set up a standing order.
Just download a form from http://www.teddingtonsociety.org.uk and send this to the Membership Secretary.

Membership rates remain unchanged for 2017

Individual: £7, Couple/family: £11
Senior (over 60) Individual £4, couple: £5
Corporate: £25

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NEW MEMBERS

Bryan Osborne    Mariana Craciun
Valerie Spruce    Jane Hooker
Jamie Hutchinson (for Teddington Rugby Club)
We began as usual in a pub. The Nag's Head in Abingdon is set on an island in the middle of the Thames but gives the impression of being built in the middle of the bridge. Good food and beer could have tempted us to stay there all afternoon but it was a lovely sunny day and our bed for the night was eight miles away in Dorchester so after a few photos by the artistic half of the partnership we set off downriver past a splendid row of almshouses.

We were glad of the shade on the wooded first part of the walk as it was early August. We did have a summer remember. Other river users had obviously been enjoying both the sun and a few beers, as when we got to our first lock we encountered a narrowboat of shouty, sweary people arguing amongst themselves about how to get through Culham lock. A near mutiny was avoided when one of their number, who had been doing the rope work on the bank, managed to stumble back on board and produce more tinnies for the rest of the crew. The boat chugged away and peace was restored to the riverbank.

For the rest of the day we had an intermittent view of Didcot Power Station which dwarfs all natural features of the landscape. After walking southwards then west along the natural river course we took the northerly cut up to Clifton Lock. Here we met many more walkers – out for a gentle afternoon stroll from Clifton Hampden which proved to be our next stop. The Barley Mow in Clifton Hampden has a cruck construction and reputedly dates from the 14th century.

That, and its mention in Three Men in a Boat, made it famous enough for a diversion from the river. In truth we probably would have diverted from the river for a horse trough at this stage, as the afternoon had become very hot indeed.

Suitably refreshed we pressed on around the long loop around Long Wittenham towards Day’s Lock. This lock is doubly famous as the site used for measurement of the water flow in the River Thames and the venue for the World Pooh Sticks Championships, which has taken place annually there since 1983. A sharp left turn, a few hundred yards more and we were on the path to Dorchester. Beware, if you are booking accommodation there; some internet hotel sites cannot distinguish between this village and the county town of Dorset!

The footpath runs through the Dyke Hills; an iron-age fortification which forms the “fourth wall” defending the ancient settlement, the other three sides being bounded by water. It was subsequently occupied by the Romans prior to the establishment of the 12th century Abbey Church and Dorchester’s subsequent incarnation as the capital of Wessex.

The White Hart Hotel provided an adequate bed for the night and we managed to visit two of the other three village inns before dinner. After an early breakfast we headed back to the river for the short hop to Wallingford and our journey home.

A walk down the River Thame from the village towards the Wittenham Clumps (made famous by the artist Paul Nash) began our morning. We then crossed the Thame shortly before its confluence with the Thames and continued through damp fields towards Shillingford. We joined the road just before it entered the village and since it was still early on a Sunday morning its pubs remain unvisited. The private residences which comprise Shillingford Court hog the riverbank here so we were diverted through a maze of narrow alleys to emerge at Shillingford Bridge. Here we regained the waterside on the approach to the RAF-dominated
settlement of Benson. There is a large marina at Benson with mobile homes and a café popular with motorbike enthusiasts. No stop for us though, as the Sunday buses from Wallingford are rare.

Skirting the village we crossed a millstream to get our first sight of Benson Lock. The lock had the widest and highest weir we had encountered so far and I was slightly daunted at the approach. Slight daunt soon gave way to abject terror as we crossed the weir. My repeated mantra “you can’t fall off, you’re nearly there” was just about getting me across when I saw the only creature around more scared than me. A small Labrador puppy was having its first walk across the weir and was belly-down and shaking as it wobbled across the mesh bridge.

We gained dry land and I had a new spring in my step knowing that any further river crossings of that day would be on public transport. A new wide footpath into town has been established as the original towpath was badly eroded. A quick march, via a couple of footbridges and past the remnants of the castle meant we could get the early bus from Wallingford and be back in Teddington in time for a late lunch.

HEATHROW EXPANSION
Donald Bell

There have been several proposals for new airport runways in the South East. The current one is for a third Heathrow runway to the north west of the current ones. On 3 November a meeting to discuss the latest proposal was called by our local MP, Dr Tania Mathias.

It was held in Teddington Baptist Church and there were about 300 people present. Since it was billed as a “Public Meeting Against Heathrow Expansion”, it was not intended to be an unbiased examination of the advantages and disadvantages of the third runway.

As a result, all of the speakers and most of those present were strongly opposed to the expansion of Heathrow. Dr Mathias chaired the proceedings and there were four other presenters:

- Zac Goldsmith – until recently Conservative MP for Richmond Park and North Kingston
- Lord True – Chairman of Richmond Council
- Stephen Clark – Teddington Action Group (TAG)
- John Stewart – Heathrow Association for Control of Aircraft Noise (HACAN)

The three politicians concentrated on explaining how the campaign against the third runway would be fought. Individual MPs and local councils would be recruited one by one while groups like HACAN and TAG continued the campaign at local level.

John Stewart (photo above) gave a careful explanation of the various processes and events that were likely to take place over the next few years. He asserted that Heathrow had not been given a green light by the Government’s recent decision, but merely an amber light. He said that there will be a National Policy Statement on Aviation published in early 2017. There will then be a statement on Aerospace Strategy towards the middle of the year. Then the Select Committee on Transport will look at the proposal, probably taking about 3 months. Then in early 2018 a final National Policy Statement will be put to Parliament. Only at that point will it become official government policy. And only then will Heathrow be able to draw up detailed plans which can go to a planning enquiry. If construction then goes ahead, the runway could be operational in late 2024.

Stephen Clark, and John Stewart, spoke at some length about the noisy flight paths over Teddington – the real reason that TAG had been formed a few years ago. There had been a lot of improvements in the guidance system for aircraft, so that they can follow any desired flight path with great precision. There had been a test of the new systems in September 2014 which flew a lot of planes quite low over Teddington for days on end. Planes are given an upper and lower limit for the altitude of their flight paths. The noisy flights over Teddington are usually at the lowest permissible altitude. TAG would like to see the planes flying much higher.

There is a much more comprehensive account of the meeting on the web site https://www.tania4twickenham.co.uk/news/heathrow-public-meeting-summary
As part of their "Make a Difference Day" group of students from Radnor House School spent a day in early October litterpicking in Twickenham and on the fringes of Teddington with equipment (and the Environment Group Leader!) loaned by the Society.

The day was successful with over eight full sacks of litter collected and, of course, it helped to drum home to the students the importance of respecting the environment.

A nice letter was subsequently received from the Head thanking the TeddSoc for the loan of litterpicking equipment etc.

The Cedar Road site was in particularly bad state on our arrival but an hour's hard graft worked the usual wonders as the before and after photographs show. It is disappointing to realise that a few local residents abuse these facilities in such a fashion.

The litterpickers were out in September for the Autumn clean up of the re-cycling sites at Cedar Road, Elmfield Avenue and North Lane (Tesco car park).

MATCHSTICKS PUZZLE (red)

Move three matchsticks to make three EQUAL triangles
CHRISTMAS DOORS
Bridget Clements

Now in its fourth year, the Teddington Business Community will be welcoming the local community to join the Christmas Lantern Procession from 4pm to 5.30pm on 24 November in and around Broad Street.

The Christmas Lantern Procession makers and bearers include local groups of children from St Mary’s & St Peter’s and Sacred Heart schools, Teddington Rugby club ‘minis’, Teddington Sunday Schools, Brownies, Rainbows and other groups. All lanterns are created in Teddington Business Community workshops.

The procession starts in The Causeway with the Teddington Rugby ‘reindeers’ leading Santa and his Rotary Sleigh. It then goes down Broad Street, pauses and returns to Church Road, finishing outside St Peter and St Paul’s Church for Christmas candle-lit music led by Rev. Azariah France-Williams.

From 1.30pm onwards Santa will be in his Grotto at Happy Potter. Shops and cafes in Broad Street and Church Road will have lots of Christmas goodies on offer throughout the afternoon.

On the evening of the Lantern Procession the Teddington Business Community will also be launching their joint initiative with Teddington Baptist Church of the Christmas Doors Advent Hunt throughout Teddington.

Hidden in shops across the town centre are 23 little handmade doors. As the children discover each hidden door they receive a sticker for their Christmas Doors sticker leaflet. Once they have found all 23 doors they go to the Baptist Church to discover the 24th door and receive a little Christmas prize.

Please look for the Christmas Doors in shops listed below:
More information on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/TeddingtonBusinessCommunityTeddingtonActive

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MATCHSTICKS PUZZLE (green)

Move FOUR matchsticks to make FOUR squares
TREES AND GARDENS
Sheena Harold

TEDDINGTON TRIANGLE - A TRIUMPH

I started thinking about planting up the rather boring triangle of grass at the junction of Hampton and Stanley Roads over three years ago. Initially working with Carolan Shaw we started thinking of covering the whole area with wild flowers but realized the council would not be able to cut the grass so decided slim side beds would be better. It is council land and from the start we’ve been helped by Yvonne Kellaher of their Parks’ Department.

Without her help and advice we’d never have completed the project. Sadly and suddenly Carolan died. This was a tremendous blow as she was such a lovely person and a great gardener but we decided to carry on in her memory and finally we’ve done it. I hope you’ve seen and liked our efforts?

We have had the help and assistance of Strawberry Hill House first with Jen Sarginson and now Gardener in Charge Kate Robinson who, with her merry band of helpers, designed and planted the Stanley Road bed using plants that would have been known to Horace Walpole himself and that includes three pink Walpole roses.

Our bed on the Hampton Road side was planted by Graham and Paul, and indeed Graham, my Richmond In Bloom fellow judge, helped in selecting and choosing the plants from Squires Twickenham Garden Centre who gave us a generous discount. Alan Benns filmed the planting on September 29th so do go to our website and you’ll find the film link on the front page. It was a real community effort including the Constitutional Club who let us have parking space.

Cllr Mark Boyd stopped by to say how much he liked it and afterwards our MP, Tania Mathias, told me how much she liked them. Hope you do too especially when the Spring bulbs come through to continue the bulbs already planted in Hampton Road.

LONDON IN BLOOM

Richmond Borough did very well this year winning Gold in the City category and for Terrace Gardens and York House Gardens as well as winning a Biodiversity Award. Some of the best Richmond Borough In Bloom entries go forward to London In Bloom and then onwards to Britain In Bloom. It would be nice if we could encourage more Teddington entries in RBiB next year.

One winner this year was The Adelaide pub which got a Silver Gilt thanks to the gardening talents of the manager Mariana Craciun. Pop in and enjoy their garden.

TEDDINGTON IN FLOWER

With money from Teddington In Flower 2015 we made a donation to Strawberry Hill House which enabled Kate to buy and plant up some lovely pots to greet visitors arriving at the Gift Shop and café.

I’m delighted to say that Sian Morgan is back with us to help organise TIF 2017 so start thinking now about entering your back garden or helping by gate sitting.
HADRIAN'S WALL
Martyn Kingsford

Hadrian's Wall crosses northern Britain from Wallsend on the river Tyne to Bowness-on-Solway in Cumbria. It goes on for at least a further 25 miles down the Cumbrian coast and is 73 miles long.

For 300 years it was the North West frontier of the Roman Empire that stretched east 2500 miles to what is now Iraq and 1500 south miles to the Sahara Desert. The Wall was declared an UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987 and later UNESCO declared it part of the World Heritage “Walls of the Empire”.

I joined the Ramblers group in May at Hexham and over six days we walked 76 miles. On the last day we covered 16 miles from Carlisle to Bowness on Solway. All of us were “veteran” trail walkers, and, as always with Ramblers, all went well. We stayed in a lovely hotel in Hexham and one in Carlisle. A mini bus carried us to the start point on each day and met us in the evening. As expected we followed the wall but we did not start in Wallsend but just to the west of Newcastle.

So why was it built? As we all know Julius Caesar came, he conquered and went back home to Rome for tea in 55 and 54 BC.

It was not until AD43 that Emperor Claudius ordered the occupation of Britain. At that time the Roman Empire was expansionist and Hadrian’s Wall was to be one of four walls built between the subjugated Southern Britain and the northern part known as Caledonia. The Caledones had been defeated by the Roman Army North of the Tay at a battle called Mons Gropius in AD84. The Romans did not really show much interest in the Highlands and were really interested in controlling the frontier between the Clyde and the Forth.

The Emperors, however, across the Empire continued to be expansionist until Hadrian, a soldier, decided not to expand further and chose to consolidate the Empire with a defined border. In AD 122 Hadrian came to Northern Britain and over 3 months surveyed the area and set out the Wall. It is straight and where possible uses the natural terrain.

For over ten years, three Legions based in Britain built the wall. These were Roman legionnaires and trained builders as well as infantry, just as the Royal Engineers are today. They opened quarries and, with 80 men, 60 oxen and 32 wagons per mile, transported the 25million dressed stones, each stone being 25cm x 15cm x 50cm.

The wall was built with lime mortar making it a solid permanent job and there exists a small fort every mile. Major barracks were also built. The 6m high stone wall was only part of the defensive system, for the width of the whole defensive system included a 3m deep forward ditch and to the rear a military “zone” up to 50m wide and then a major earth work called a vallum with 2.4m high mounds either side of a ditch 6m wide by 3m deep.

One of the myths about Hadrian’s Wall was that it was manned by soldiers from Rome or Italy. In fact it was manned by tough Auxiliaries, not just locally recruited, but recruited by Regiments from across the Empire. I understand that the 1,000 strong Cavalry Regiment was recruited from Northern Spain and in the west an Auxiliary Infantry Regiment was from modern day Algeria. This was the format of the British Indian Army. Indeed our present day British Army Ghurkas are similar to the Roman Auxiliary Regiments. The Auxiliaries joined up at 18 years were then trained to a very high standard and after 22 years service retired, many marrying locally and settling down in present day Northumberland. In comparative terms they were well paid which boosted the local economy. The wall fell into disuse after twenty years as the Antonine wall was built between the Clyde and the Forth but 100 years later Hadrian’s Wall was strengthened becoming the main defence line until the Romans left in around 400AD.

The walk or trail is not the most difficult of the thirteen National Trails. Indeed many consider it the easiest. However, the danger is isolation and the weather. We were fortunate with good weather that enabled us to really enjoy the countryside which is spectacular.

I recommend a visit to the Wall; you do not need to walk 76 miles. The major sites are accessible by car and, oh yes, they have real ale in the north.
HISTORY GROUP REPORT

Ken Howe

Information Boards
We are only proceeding with one for the present time: the Bronze Age Barrow site in Park Road/Sandy Lane. See the map below.

The Council and the contractors have approved our wording and as soon as we have a delivery date, we will arrange an unveiling.

The other potential sites at the Railway Station and West Teddington are still under consideration.

Talks
There have been no talks this year.

The Valerie Sullivan Archive
This is an on-going project, researching the names on the War Memorial, with some sterling work from David Neller and Colin Hicks. David has reached 480 names now and is probably coming to an end of his research material.

The next step will be to compile a full revised alphabetical list of the dead and to apply a common information band to each person. Finally we will present the Council with our revised list and ask them to include the additional names on some extra panels.

History Panels
• Landmark Arts Centre – the commemorative panels are on permanent display in the foyer by the east door.
• Teddington Hospital Timeline – work is still proceeding on this.

New Enquiries
We continue to receive a number of new enquiries. Many of these are from overseas and are trying to trace old families or former family homes. Sometimes we are able to help and sometimes we have to refer them to the Local Studies Library.

At this time particularly, we receive a number of requests for information on ancestors killed in the Great War. Bushy Park is another popular topic.

Some of the other enquiries relate to Elisha Landen, a very big house builder in Teddington, the actor Roger Delgado, Teddington Studios and a painting at the Adelaide public house.

Summer Walk
We held our summer walk in July and with the help of local members, we proceeded along Broom Road to look at its development with particular regard to boathouses and old coach houses.

TEDDINGTON CENSUS 1841–1901

Ken Howe, History Group

Following the successful compilation of the catalogue of Buildings of Townscape Merit, it was decided to put some meat on the bones of the occupants of these houses and look into the census information for these people.

The census started in 1841 and was a very basic record of every person in the country and where they lived on a specific night of the year. The process was repeated every 10 years and the information requested was also expanded every census.

Rather than select only the occupants of the BTMs, it was considered both useful and desirable to list all occupants of all houses in Teddington. This work has been carried out painstakingly by Roger Theobald and Susan Blake who have now transcribed the full information for 1841, 1851, 1881 and 1891. Roger noted that in 1891 Richard Blackmore of Gomer House listed himself as “Fruit grower.” 1861 is shortly to be loaded and 1871 is still a work in progress.

Thanks to Roger’s efforts in transcribing some very difficult and patchy handwriting and Colin Hicks in yet another major data inputting exercise, this information is now available online at:

http://www.teddsoc-wiki.org.uk/census/transcripts.htm

The site is receiving between 40 – 50 hits a day already. Have you ever wondered who lived in your house 100 years ago? Why not try it for yourself and find out.

THE TEDDINGTON BARROW

About 3500 years ago there was a “Barrow” or burial mound in Teddington, quite near where Shaef Way now joins Sandy Lane.

At one time there were about 40,000 round barrows in Great Britain, this one is probably unique as being the only one in Greater London. The Teddington Society has arranged for an information board to be erected near the site. More details in a later edition of Tidings.
THE TEDDINGTON HOUNDS
Ken Howe – History Group

In the course of a year, the History Group receives a variety of requests which cover all manner of enquiries. With this one, we have received a unique request which sadly we were unable to resolve.

A second hand bookseller had obtained an unusual item, a folio sized landscape book entitled “The Teddington Hounds – A Genial Satire on the Sporting Brigade.”

The cover was illustrated with 8 cartoon figures in hunting attire astride a hunting crop and the interior has 12 coloured illustrated pages and 12 printed type pages of humorous verse mentioning the huntsmen. The verse is by R Rawlinson and the illustrations are by Evelyn C Law. The additional characters mentioned are A F Ley, S White, E M Stopford, R L Mayne, W A Hawker, Parsons, G B Ruck-Keene, F L Orwell, A J Gravham, C B Wood and R L Cholmeley. The book was presented to Annie Gertrude Rawlinson. The gist of the story was that 8 work colleagues at a city bank embark on a day’s hunting with disastrous results.

Law felt his position and crawled through the door,  
And Stopford arrived looking humble and sore;  
For Conky had lost in the previous week  
A part of his nose and a lot of his cheek:  
And White, with a literally murderous look,  
Was brought to the Bank in a cab by his cook.

The partners assembled in solemn conclave,  
And this as the end of their conference gave:  
That, though Law was worthy of punishment stiff  
They’d overlook this misdemeanour, but if  
He ventured again, by his schemes, to translate  
So many good men to so grievous a state,  
Or played any similar mischievous prank  
He must quite understand he’d be sacked from the Bank.

By Monday morning they have all phoned in sick until the manager phones them all back and threatens them with the sack unless they appear. Needless to say they appear in a variety of states..

There was nothing to identify any of the persons involved and the possibility that one of the other Teddingtons might be the host town was dismissed by their size. We were left with the mystery.

TEDDINGTON RUGBY CLUB
James Hutchinson

Teddington Rugby Club or Antlers RFC for those with long memories, celebrates its 50th birthday this year and the Ladies’ Section celebrates its 30th. The celebration events have included a 60 strong tour to Texas in June.

The club now has 2000 members ranging from sixes to some of the original players who more often than not can be found in a part of the clubhouse bar known as "Crinkly Corner". If they ask nicely, visitors can hear many stories of games gone by, including a famous Middlesex cup fixture against mighty Wasps in 1977.

These days the men’s section plays in the London Leagues and the Ladies’ in the South West division of the Women’s Championship. There are fixtures with local rivals like London Welsh as well as Plymouth!

In cup competitions both section have enjoyed recent successes with the men winning two National Cup Finals on the hallowed turf at Twickenham.

The Ladies have also provided a number of international players including the late Linda Utley who not only played for England but also The British and Irish Lionesses.

The club has a thriving junior section offering a safe and friendly rugby environment for boys and girls of all ages and is seen as a model rugby club by the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

Tidings readers are more than welcome to drop by at weekends to find out more (the entry into Bushy Park is via Coleshill Road or via the NPL gates in Queens Road). They are sure to find a warm welcome in our brand new clubhouse on Saturdays and Sundays.
The Cycling National Route 4 has been in place for over 14 years.

It comes through Ham as far as Teddington Lock then combines with Cycle Route 75 where it turns left (upstream) to Kingston, it then passes over Kingston Bridge to the Middlesex side of the river, down to Barge Walk as far as Hampton Court Palace where it crosses the bridge into East Molesey and Thames Ditton.

There is a proposal to introduce a "Quietway" through Teddington and Bushy Park to Hampton, thereby cutting out the loop along the Thames towpaths either side of Kingston.

This proposal would take the Quietway down Teddington High Street which carries three bus routes and is already quite congested. Then over the railway bridge and into Park Road, Adelaide Road and on to Bushy Park. It would replace the staggered Zebra crossing near the bridge with a plain one, without a central island. This has an outstanding safety record, and is held in high regard by all Teddingtonians.

The Teddington Society's view is that the Quietway from Ham should terminate at Teddington Lock, and split into three:
1. To go along the towpath to Kingston
2. To go along an upgraded towpath to Twickenham Ferry, Ham House and Richmond
3. To come over the bridges over the lock, and divide into 4 or 5 mini-Quietways going to different parts of Bushy Park via Broom Road and Cambridge Road. These are labelled "A" to "D" on the sketchmap.
   - Route A to Bushy Park via Linden Grove footbridge
   - Routes B,C and D to Bushy Park via Broom Road (itself a safe route to Kingston bridge)
   - Route B to Bushy Park's Clapperstile Park entrance via Station Southern footbridge
   - Route C to Bushy Park's Chestnut Avenue via Station Southern footbridge
   - Route D to Bushy Park Road gate via Bushy Park Road footbridge

The two bridges at Teddington Lock regularly reach their pedestrian, pushchair and cycle capacity limits on busy summer days and on weekends throughout the year. Cyclists often prefer to cycle across the suspension bridge because they take up less space than they do when pushing their bikes. There is a "No Cycling" sign built into the path on the Teddington side, but not many cyclists appear to see it. A much more suitable river crossing point would be via a new foot and cycle bridge between Ham and Twickenham – which has been a major objective of the Cycling Liaison Group in Richmond for well over a decade.

The Railway divides Teddington into two, and there are five bridges.
   - Footbridge at Bushy Park Road - cyclist friendly with shallow steps and a cycle gulley.
   - Footbridge at southern end of Teddington Station – a popular route to local schools, for pedestrians, and for cyclists fit enough to carry their bikes over. But the steps are steep and uneven.
   - Road bridge in centre of Teddington – this steep bridge joins High Street with Broad Street. It has busy off-road cycle tracks. The traffic throughput is around 20,000 vehicles per day, and about 1000 cyclists, making it the busiest section of road in Teddington.
   - Footbridge at Linden Grove – cyclist friendly with shallow slope and no steps. Very popular route to local schools and towards Fulwell and Whitton.
   - Road bridge in Shacklegate Lane – a very busy road that can be used by cyclists with care but it is not as safe as Linden Grove.

It is unlikely that funds will be available for the building of a cycle/footbridge over the Thames between Ham and Twickenham for many years – if ever. But on the assumption that if you don’t ask – you don’t get, would it not be a good idea for the Village Plans for both Twickenham and Ham to include a long term objective of building a cycle/footbridge over the Thames to join the Communities of Twickenham and Ham for their mutual economic benefit?
**PLANNING GROUP**

**James Sinclair**

**UDNEY PARK PLAYING FIELDS**

Udney Park Playing Fields is probably the biggest planning story in Teddington at the moment. As you will be aware, the playing fields were purchased by the Quantum Group from Imperial College in 2015. Since then Quantum have been trying to persuade Teddington of the benefits of its proposal for a care home, together with enhanced sports facilities for the community.

The planning group has always opposed any loss of sports facilities at Udney Park and supports the work of the Friends of Udney Park Playing Fields (FUPPF) in resisting any form of development.

The land’s formal designation is as OOLTI (Other Open Land of Townscape Importance). Thanks to the work of FUPPF it is now also an Asset of Community Value (ACV). The Friends, jointly with Teddington Society, have also put in an application for a Local Green Space (LGS) designation under the current review of the Local Plan.

These designations offer different levels of protection for land, but it’s fair to say that the LGS would be considered close to Green Belt status. It is designed to offer protection against development for green areas that are particularly important to a local community.

The Local Plan Review has also been an opportunity for Quantum to propose that the fields be formally allocated for at least partial development. Their case is that this is private open land in private ownership “with only limited and occasional third party use”, that is not maximising its potential. In reality we all know that there has been extensive use, by clubs and schools. To quote what Imperial College used to say on their own website:

“*The picturesque ground at Teddington is available for rugby, football, cricket, lacrosse, tennis and netball..... The ground has its own pavilion, bar and function room, and coupled with its charming surroundings, it makes for a perfect location for sports events, corporate sports days, team building and staff activities and many other events..... If you are interested in hiring facilities at Teddington, please contact .........*”

The latest responses to the Local Plan Review can be seen via the following link. The Quantum case is contained in sections with reference numbers 14, 166 and 475. The FUPPF position is at reference 145.


The latest consultation document from Quantum is the plan showing the extent of any proposed development, which is shown on the right:

This is the site plan showing the ownership boundary (red). The labels on the diagram are:

- (light blue) Elderly Care Community / Community Facilities / Healthcare Facilities. Located to the North on approximately one third of the site. Design and layout to be confirmed.
- [Elderly Care Community / Community Facilities. To include extra care retirement living homes, care home, healthcare facilities, landscaping, parking, access and facilities for the community – details to be confirmed]
- (light green) Sporting / Recreational / Community Facilities. Located to the South on approximately two-thirds of the site. Design and layout to be confirmed.
- [Sporting / Recreational / Community Facilities. To include a number of publicly accessible pitches, multi-use courts, recreational areas and community facilities – details to be confirmed]

At some point over the next couple of months, Quantum will submit a planning application, so we need to keep an eye open for that, while also being ready to respond to the next consultation stage of the Local Plan Review in December/January.

PS The Planning Group would welcome a couple more members. We meet every six weeks to discuss both planning applications and larger proposals such as Udney Park.

A property background is not important, just an interest in the way that Teddington develops in the future. If any Teddington Society members would like to know more, you can email me at: james@sinclairprojects.co.uk.
ELLERAY HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR
Liz Thompson

Elleray Hall Social Club for the over 60’s is holding its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December 2016. Stalls will include jewellery, cakes, crafts, Christmas gifts, a selection of games, bric-a-brac, a Christmas Raffle and refreshments.

All money raised on the day will go towards the future provision of the many services Elleray Hall offers to the local community. The Fair is open from 10.30am until 1pm. Entrance fee is £1 for adults, children are free.

MASONS ARMS DOES IT AGAIN

The Masons Arms in Walpole Road Teddington has, for the second year running, been voted Branch Pub of the Year by the Richmond and Hounslow district of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale). Licensee Rae Williams was presented with the winner’s plaque by the Mayor of Richmond with help from Charles Owens (Branch Chairman of CAMRA) at Twickenham Beer Festival on 20th October.

Rae also received a Runner up award for the Greater London Pub and Club of the Year, not bad for a pub that CAMRA describes as “an exemplary back-street community pub”. She received this award on 31st October at home in The Masons, which happens to be the HQ of our own Teddington Pram Race. As usual the Pram Race will be held on the same day as the village fair which this year will be on 25th June.

CINDERELLA
Enid Segall

An old fashioned modern pantomime for children of all ages...

For Christmas 2016, Teddington Theatre Club brings you CINDERELLA by Loz Keal - in the main auditorium of Hampton Hill Theatre.

Join us for the UK’s most popular pantomime - cheer poor Cinders, boo the Ugly Sisters and hiss the Wicked Step Mother as we re-imagine the best known rags-to-riches story ever told. Everything you'd expect in a traditional pantomime including oodles of bad jokes, loads of audience participation and tons of surprises!

Dates: Saturday December 3rd to Saturday December 10th (No performance on Monday 5th)
Times: Saturday & Sunday 2.30 and 6.30pm. Weekdays 7.30pm
Ticket prices: Child - £9.00, Members £13.00, Non-Members £15.00, Family tickets £35.00
http://www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk/production/cinderella

SCRUTINY PROCESS
Richmond Council

The Overview and Scrutiny process examines decisions made by the Council and reviews Council policies and those of other local public bodies, making recommendations for improvements. Richmond Council is now looking for residents’ suggestions of issues for Scrutiny to investigate. For further information visit: www.richmond.gov.uk/scrunity

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

John’s Cycle Ride: 1h20m = 80m (of course!)
The matchstick puzzles are colour-coded (red and green)
**CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

- **19 to 20 November** - Landmark Arts Centre – Contemporary Craft and Gourmet Food – 10am to 5pm each day. £4 admission
- **Saturday 19 November** - Baptist Church – Craft Fair – 11am to 3pm
- **Saturday 26 November** - Normansfield – Christmas Craft Fair – 11am to 4.30pm
- **Saturday 26 November** - St Mary with St Alban Parish Hall – Christmas Bazaar – from 11am to 2.30pm £1 entry for adults
- **3 Dec to 10 Dec** - Teddington Theatre Club at Hampton Hill Playhouse – Cinderella
- **Saturday 3 December** - Elleray Hall – Christmas Fair – 10.30 am to 1pm £1 entry

**TEDDINGTON SUMMER MUSIC**

*Tony Lamb*

Our New Year in Old Vienna concert is fixed for 7th January in the Normansfield Theatre, starting at 7:30

There will be music by Stolz, Mozart, Strauss, Heuberger and Lehar. The soloists will be:

Helen Clutterbuck, soprano  
Daniel D’Souza, baritone  
Tony Lamb, clarinet  
Tom Higgins, piano

We are grateful for the assistance given to us in the past by the Teddington Society.

**RIVER THAMES SCHEME**

*Update*

You can meet Community Resilience Advisors and a member of the design team to get the latest information about the River Thames Scheme.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017**

Make a note in your diary for Thursday 20th April 2017 at Strawberry Hill House

Tuesday 29 November, 2pm – 6pm  
Teddington Library Waldegrave Road, Teddington
VISITS AND EVENTS

PEG WOFFINGTON COFFEE MORNING
Tony and Betty open their historic cottage, 167 High Street, just for us for the last time this year on Tuesday 13th December. Pop in for coffee, homemade cake and conversation from 11am while doing your Xmas shopping in town.

MERITS CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Wednesday 7th December, 12 for 12:15
£18 per person (payable on the day)
Merits, Twickenham College, Egerton Road
Contact Pamela McHutchon by 18 November

NEW YEAR PARTY
The Teddington Society New Year Party will be held on Saturday 28th January 2017, 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm at The Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington.
See the insert in this edition of Tidings and return the slip to:
Sally Howland, 54 Elmfield Ave, Teddington, TW11 8BT
or telephone: 020 8977 9404
or e-mail: sally.howland@btinternet.com

Geffrye Museum - Wednesday 30 November 2016
"Christmas Past: 400 Years of Seasonal Traditions in English Homes."
A Christmas talk provides a fascinating background to the museum’s annual Christmas Past exhibition in which period rooms are decorated in authentic historic style, and the meanings behind our seasonal traditions and customs are explored and explained.

Cost: £25 includes talk and lunch.
Please make cheque payable to Pamela McHutchon
Flat 3, 86 High Street, Teddington TW11 8JD.
Mobile Phone: 07802 822812

Guided Tour of Cutlers’ Hall
(see photo at top of page)
Tuesday 21st February 2017
We have been lucky enough to secure one of only two dates per annum to visit Cutlers’ Hall
• Meet platform 2, Teddington Station for 09.41 train to Waterloo, then tube to Bank.
• Tea and coffee on arrival – served from 11.00am.
• An introduction to the work of the cutler
• The history of the Livery Hall and a conducted tour of its architecture
• A close-up view of some of the treasures from the Company vaults
• A tour of the Company’s collection of historical swords and cutlery from Roman times to today
• An illustrated booklet about the Cutlers’ Company
• Glass of port to finish.

Cost: £20 per person; cheque payable to Pamela McHutchon, (address above)

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES
Too many to list individually, see the web site of Churches Together in Teddington:
http://www.teddingtonchurches.org.uk/cttxmas.htm

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